

## THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Topics of General Interest in the New States and Elsewhere.

### DIED AT SIGHT OF A FIGHT

**A Woman Drops Dead in the Street**  
—A Curious Discovery of Gold in the Mountains—The Flathead Country.

Walla Walla has grown so much that her citizens fear a water famine the present summer.

Ellensburg people complain that the dry weather is affecting the crops in that section quite seriously.

Dayton has a public library and the city council allows \$20 a month to help it out.

Membership fees are 25 cents per month. Fruit growing has become an established industry in Eastern Washington. Spokane county shipped 2,860,000 pounds last season, and in Yakima county there is an orchard which alone has 3,000 apple trees.

Mrs. Jane Colburn, wife of John Colburn, the owner of the Colburn block, Spokane, dropped dead to-day on the corner of Main and Division streets. Heart disease and the sudden shock at sight of a street fight was the cause.

A curious discovery has been made on Cedra Island, Mexico, in the form of a bed of white sand extending along the top of the mountains. It is believed to be the remains of an ancient quartz ledge, pulverized by intense heat, and is said to be as fine as though it had been run through a battery of stamps. It varies from three to eight feet in thickness and is asserted to be rich in gold.

E. C. Hall has two men at work in his opal mines, four miles northwest of Moscow, Idaho. Tuesday and Wednesday they took out 15 fine stones, besides many inferior ones. The largest when polished will weigh not less than 15 karats. Mr. Hall says that the further down the diggings go the better the opals are, and he thinks the mines are going to surprise the world some day.

One of the saw mills at Kettle Falls is cutting about 25,000 feet of lumber daily, but so great is the demand for the output that the capacity of the mills is to be more than doubled at once. This is another instance illustrating the growth of many of the towns of Washington which, founded but a few months ago, are already assuming metropolitan proportions.

Kalispell is the name of the new town springing up in the Flathead country. It is said to be surrounded by a fine farming country, backed by immense forests and excellent pine timber. It is on the line of the Great Northern, and if it meets the expectations of the founders it will in time add no little to the prosperity and taxable wealth of the state. There is room for a big town in the Flathead country, and present indications point to Kalispell as the coming city of that section.

In speaking of the abundance of game to be found in North Idaho, the Post Falls *Pan Handle* says: The settlers of Mica Creek valley will have a paradise in the way of hunting grounds. A gentleman who is well informed says that in the valley they can find ducks, wild geese, swan, and on the hills grouse and pheasants; beaver also abound in the creek, while in the way of large game they have their choice of coyotes, cougar, bear and deer, if they want fish, the lake is close at hand swarming with rainbow, red throat and Dolly Varden trout. Strawberries, huckleberries and other small wild fruits also abound. It will be pretty "rocky" when the settlers in that locality suffer for the necessities of life. All this within two hours ride of Post Falls.

The first sealings brought to Seattle this season were received Wednesday by Mr. J. C. Nixon, from his new sealing schooner, the Henry Dennis. There were 196 skins in the lot. The Dennis sent them up from Neah bay on another boat, and started out again on her cruise. The *Post-Intelligencer* states that Mr. Nixon was expecting the schooner Allie L. Algar to send her skins in at the same time, but she did not reach Neah bay in time, but a letter was sent him by the captain, which he received yesterday. The letter states that the weather has been something terrible ever since the schooner started out in February, there having been but one good day for hunting in the whole time. For this reason the Algar's catch is very light. Both boats have spent the time cruising between San Francisco and Cape Flattery. Seals are reported to be abundant, and the weather alone prevents a large catch. Speaking of the sealing business generally, Mr. Nixon said: "The position taken by the United States government on the seal business drives sealers to Victoria and other Canadian ports, where they can have the protection of the British government. No less than seven schooners went to Victoria this season to fit out for their cruise, which meant at least \$15,000 spent in Canada that might just as well have been spent in Seattle and other American ports where the laws not in such a condition as to practically prevent it. Then when the schooners come in and pay off their crews in Canadian ports the money is spent there, which means a great loss."

**BRUIN'S NIGHT OFF.**  
A Pet Bear Attends a Dance and Afterward Does the Town.

From the Philadelphia Press.  
ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., April 12.—A pet bear belonging to Dewitt McDowell of this city, which had been taught to open doors, shake hands, dance, etc., escaped from his cage last night, and for a time created consternation among a large number of people.

A fashionable ball was in progress at the time, and Bruin was attracted by the music. There was a funny scene in the ballroom when he entered, and, raising himself on his hind legs, volunteered to shake hands and then began to dance. There was a grand rush for the doors, and several ladies attempted to jump out of the windows.

After he had finished his waltz the bear was coaxed from the room, and then began to paint the town and succeeded in frightening half the inhabitants almost out of their senses. Entering the St. Charles hotel he climbed the stairs and wobbled into one room after another, routing out the guests in their night clothes and incidentally damaging the furniture, having had all the fun he wanted with the guests. He returned to the street and proceeded to

amuse himself by trying to enter the residences of the solid citizens. Being closed to uninvited guests, he was unable to effect an entrance into any of them, but he convinced the inhabitants that burglars were at work, and one alarm after another was sent into the police station, until every officer on the force was on the trail of the marauder.

Meeting one Henry Foster on the street he struck him a painful blow on the side of the head, knocking him down and making some ugly wounds. Finally he entered the National Bank building through a side hallway, climbed the stairs to the third floor, and walked into the room of Julius Beland. That gentleman jumped from bed, prepared to shoot a burglar, but when he saw what it was he rushed into the hall and shut the door in, where he was soon afterward captured.

### EUROPEAN BATTLE TACTICS.

They are Changed Somewhat by the New Rifles and Powder.

From the London Times.  
Yesterday at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall yard, the second session of the year was opened by a lecture on the new tactics of continental, and especially German, troops, the lecturer being Capt. J. M. Grierson, R. A., deputy assistant adjutant general, who has attended the manoeuvres of the German army for the last two years.

Captain Grierson said that with the enormous masses of men who would appear upon the continental battle fields of the future it became of the utmost importance to shorten the marching columns, and various experiments were made by the Germans to carry this out. The plan now adopted was to move on as broad a front as the road permitted, with the ranks closed up. In the German army it was the invariable practice to carry out all manoeuvres with the infantry, and generally all the other arms in marching order; and the men were thus accustomed to manoeuvre in peace as they would fight in war. As to smokeless powder, one required to see it used to grasp the enormous difference this material would make in the appearance of the battlefield of the future. A few yards' distance only a faint haze was seen when a single rifle was fired, and even when large bodies were using their rifles as repeaters the smoke was so slight as to make no real difference to those firing. The new powder must give a great advantage to troops on the defensive.

Then, as to the adoption of the magazine rifle, this had necessitated the supply of additional ammunition and had increased the difficulties of distribution. All continental armies appeared to have endeavored to solve the problem by "fractionating" the supply, and had adopted light company ammunition wagons instead of the old battalion wagons. As to the new small-caliber rifle, the lecturer said that more than by smokeless powder, more even than by the repeating principle, had tactical formations been affected by this rifle. The weapon with which the German infantry was armed was used entirely as a repeater, and not, as with us, a single loader; and he called attention to the increased distances at which the German soldier was expected to hit. Regulations were laid down that between 600 and 800 yards closed bodies in the open or behind defective cover could only be allowed to remain halted, or to move to a flank, for a short time, and that only when the fire of the shooting line covering them was in a measure equal to the enemy. If under artillery fire, the companies formed line at about 1,300 metres. German infantry always moved on at the "quick," and thus kept their breath, and were thus in good form for shooting when halted. Generally half a shooting line of a battalion moved forward covered by the fire of the half remaining in position.

The fire discipline was better maintained in the German than in other systems. He then spoke of the remarkable grip the officers had of the supports and reserves, and dwelt upon the fact that in the supreme moments of a contest the "parade step" was assumed, the drums beat, and the bands played the regimental march. The men in front knew from the drums and the music that their comrades were coming, and so acquired that new strength of mind which is only second to strength of body. Little use was made in the German army of volley firing, and infantry fire at long ranges was quite the exception. Great use was made by the German infantry of the trenching tools, with which every second man was provided.

As to the mounted infantry, the lecturer said every Continental nation rejected it absolutely. If infantry were required to keep up with cavalry they were conveyed in carts. Even the Russians seemed to be changing their ideas about their dragoons, who were armed with rifles and bayonets, and trained to fight on foot. Then, as to artillery, it was shown that the proportion of guns to an army would be enormously increased, and the work of the masses of guns could be facilitated by the smokeless powder.

**Fish Hatched in the Sky.**  
From Nature's Realm.  
I observe a reference made in the *American Angler* touching upon showers of fish, in which it states that science has not yet fully explained the phenomena. This is perhaps slightly incorrect. Several causes have been suggested. Might it not very probably be of a fish and eggs which fall apparently from the skies are really bred there?

Water fowl, it is known, very frequently carry eggs of fish to a great distance, having swallowed them, and in their flight disgorging the same unharmed where they can and do fructify and mature in water over which these birds pass. The eggs of many old fish are very glutinous, and readily adhere to substances brought in contact with them during particular times of their incubation. Is it not very probable that not only do these birds convey ova upon their wings as well as in their crops, and when flying at great heights the ova, becoming detached from the wings, may remain suspended in the most atmosphere, which is quite possible under certain conditions of atmospheric pressure, and that when under development they become too heavy, and naturally fall to the earth.

**A Short Talker.**  
Frederick William III., king of Prussia, and great-grandfather of the present emperor, was extremely averse to long speeches, and talked, whenever it was possible, in infinitives only. While taking the waters of Teplitz he heard of a Hungarian magnate who never made long speeches. "Must be decent fellow, like to know him," muttered the king. The Hungarian met him on his walk the next day, and the following is a true conversation which took place: "Bath?" "Take waters." "Soldier?" "Magnate." "Indeed?" "Policeman?" "King." "Congratulate." And they each went on their way well satisfied.

**His Fit.**  
From the Columbus Dispatch.  
"A man just had a fit up there on High street."  
"Did you look at him?"  
"Yes."  
"No wonder."

## A LITTLE LIFE ROMANCE

Husband and Wife Reunited After Seventeen Years.

### STORY OF JOY AND SORROW

Through a Mistake in a Newspaper a Family Was Separated—The Journey of a Letter Which Was Greatly Delayed.

CHICAGO, April 23.—A charming little romance developed in the waiting room of the Union depot to-day, involving the first meeting in 17 years of a husband and wife, and the first sight a bright youth ever had of his father.

At an early hour a handsome, well-dressed lady arrived at the depot with a bright-looking boy of some 17 years. They were nervous and impatient, not from fear, as could be surmised from the happy expression upon their faces. The young man told the story to a reporter, while the mother lent an interested ear, and occasionally interrupted with some slight correction.

"We are waiting the arrival of my father," he began, "whom I have never seen. Eighteen years ago my mother was married to a gentleman from St. Louis named N. T. Hankins at the home of her parents in Orange, N. J. Father was engaged in mercantile life in St. Louis and was away from home a great deal. Several months after his wedding he was sent to San Francisco and from there to New South Wales in Australia. He became so deeply infatuated with the country that he determined to take up his abode there. It was arranged that he should go there and prepare a home for his wife. The letters he sent home were filled with glowing accounts of the country, and mother prepared to leave Orange and start for the South Sea island. Then suddenly she read in the papers that N. T. Hankins had been drowned while crossing a river in a small boat. This shock was followed in less than a week by the death of her father.

"I was then but a few months old, and mother's health was much impaired, but she went to her brother in St. Paul. The change did her no good, and she started to travel in search of health. It never came, and for five years she went from place to place without any beneficial results. Then she returned to St. Paul and lived an invalid for seven years.

"One day a letter, with the address nearly effaced with postoffice marks and various brands, reached her. She opened it with much curiosity and learned that it was from her husband, whom she had long supposed to be dead. It had been written many years before, but through some one's error it had been mislaid and mislaid.

"The letter conveyed the information that my father was alive and well. It was another Hankins who was drowned. The news almost made my mother well, and she at once instituted a search, but it was not until six months ago that she found my father and then it was by the merest chance. He had moved from time to time to various parts of the country and was then engaged in sheep raising a few miles from Melbourne, and now mother and I have come from St. Paul to meet him."

The Alton train pulled in a short time afterward and from it there stepped a remarkably well preserved man of some 40 years. It is hardly necessary to describe the reunion that followed. The happy trio left this evening for St. Paul. Mr. Hankins has amassed a fortune in the sheep-breeding business.—*San Francisco Examiner.*

Sellers of gloves and shoes have been compelled to mark their goods with false sizes in order to please certain women who are vain about the hands and feet, and that accounts for the astonishment oftentimes felt by a girl who is innocent of this when a friend, having obviously larger hands and feet, gives conclusive proof by showing the marks on the articles themselves, that she wears both smaller gloves and shoes.

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COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, in and for the County of Silver Bow.

In the Matter of the estate of Michael Carroll, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the Administrator of said estate of Michael Carroll, deceased, be decreed to execute and deliver to said petitioner a conveyance of the undivided one-fifth part of in and to the Silver Bow Lode claim, situated in Summit Valley Mining district, Silver Bow county, Montana, and that Friday, the 26th day of May, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court room of said court in the court house in Butte City, Silver Bow county, state of Montana, has been appointed by the judge of said court as the time and place for hearing said petition; when and where all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said petition.

(SEAL) By P. W. WYLLIE, Deputy Clerk.  
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In the Matter of the estate of Michael Carroll, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Marcus Daly has filed in said court his petition praying that the administrator of said estate of Michael Carroll, deceased, be decreed to execute and deliver to said petitioner a conveyance of, in and to the Williamette Lode claim, the Cumate Lode claim and the undivided one-fourth of the Eagle Bird Lode claim, all situated in Independent Mining district, Silver Bow County, Montana; also the undivided one-fourth of the Elk Lode claim, situated in Deer Lodge County, Montana, and of record in the recorder's office of said county. And that Friday, the 26th day of May, A. D. 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court room of said court in the court house in Butte City, Silver Bow county, state of Montana, has been appointed by the judge of said court as the time and place for hearing said petition; when and where all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said petition.

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